

Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of operating a network between a plurality of communication apparatuses (1, 2, 5 to 8) each having a token (3, 9 to 12, 15) identifying a communication apparatus (1, 2, 5 to 8) via an apparatus address, and at least one communication apparatus used as a token read apparatus (4, 13 and 14), in which the apparatus address of a first communication apparatus [(1)], stored in the token (3, 9 to 12, 15) is read by the token read apparatus (4, 13 and 14) when the token is placed in the vicinity of the token read apparatus, and the token read apparatus (4, 13 and 14) builds up a connection with the first communication apparatus [(1)] by means of the apparatus address, and/or the apparatus address is transmitted by the token read apparatus (4, 13 and 14) to at least a second communication apparatus [(2)], and the second communication apparatus [(2)] builds up a connection with the first communication apparatus [(1)], and the connection is terminated when the token is removed from the vicinity of the token read apparatus.

2. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the network is a network operating in accordance with the Bluetooth standard.

3. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that at least the token read apparatus (4, 13 and 14) and the first communication apparatus [(1)] are provided for forming a piconetwork.

4. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the token read apparatus (4, 13 and 14) fulfills the function of a master and further communication apparatuses (1, 2, 5 to 8) fulfill the function of slaves in the network.

5. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a password stored in the token (3, 9 to 12, 15) is read by the token read apparatus (4, 13 and 14).

6. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the token read apparatus (4, 13 and 14) is provided for accommodating a given number of tokens (3, 9 to 12, 15).

7. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the token ~~(3, 9 to 12, 15)~~ comprises information about network resources.

8. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the token ~~(3, 9 to 12, 15)~~ comprises information about a release of documents.

9. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a plurality of tokens ~~(9, 15)~~ is assigned to a communication apparatus ~~(1, 2, 5 to 8)~~ and a token identification number ~~(token ID)~~ is assigned to each token ~~(9, 15)~~.

10. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that an assignment of the token identification number and a name ~~(list ID)~~ identifying a list of documents is stored in a communication apparatus ~~(1, 2, 5 to 8)~~ operating as a slave.

11. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that the list of documents consists of a document identification unit ~~(file ID)~~ and a path assigned to the document identification unit.

12. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that a communication apparatus ~~(13 and 14)~~ operating as a master stores an assignment consisting of apparatus addresses and token-IDs.

13. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that the communication apparatus ~~(1, 2, 5 to 8)~~ operating as a slave stores an assignment of token identification numbers and apparatus addresses of the communication apparatuses operating as masters ~~(13 and 14)~~.

14. (currently amended) A communication system comprising a plurality of communication apparatuses ~~(1, 2, 5 to 8)~~ and each with a token ~~(3, 9 to 12, 15)~~ identifying a communication apparatus ~~(1, 2, 5 to 8)~~ via an apparatus address, as well as at least one communication apparatus used as a token read apparatus ~~(4, 13 and 14)~~, wherein:

the token read apparatus ~~(4, 13 and 14)~~ is provided for reading the apparatus address of a first communication apparatus ~~[(1)]~~, stored in the token ~~(3, 9 to 12, 15)~~ when the token is placed in the vicinity of the token read apparatus; and

the token read apparatus ~~(4, 13 and 14)~~ is provided for building up a connection with the first communication apparatus [[(1)]] by means of the apparatus address; and/or

the token read apparatus ~~(4, 13 and 14)~~ is provided for transmitting the apparatus address to at least a second communication apparatus [[(2)]], and the second communication apparatus [[(2)]] is provided to build up a connection with the first communication apparatus [[(1)]], and the connection is terminated when the token is removed from the vicinity of the token read apparatus.